

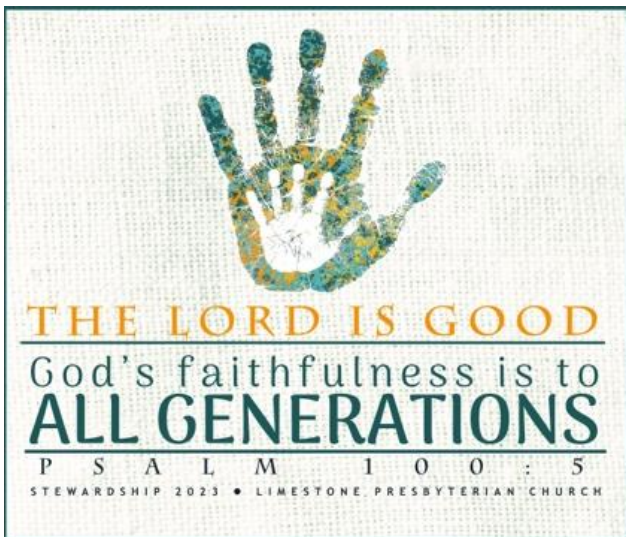


October 26, 2023



When the CE Committee surveyed the congregation about worship and Christian Education, there was strong support for having CE offerings on Wednesday nights. The CE committee proposed (and the Session approved at its last meeting) conducting a second experiment in November and December that explores Wednesday night CE. Worship will remain at 10:30 a.m.

The first CE unit takes us to Israel. All ages will meet together on November 1. Then each person will choose which study to be part of on November 8 and 15. Additional information is below and on the next page.



During worship on **Sunday, October 29**, we will receive the congregation's Estimate of Giving cards for 2024. Estimate of Giving cards will be in the bulletin on October 29 but can also be picked up in wherever you pick up a bulletin.

Did you see what your gifts last year helped us do in 2023? There was a single-page document attached to the LIMELIGHT email last week offering some of the ways we were able to engage in ministry last year, thanks to your gifts. There are hard copies of that page available wherever you pick up a hard copy LIMELIGHT.

What do you hear God calling us to do and be in the coming year? Are there particular outreach possibilities that you would like for the church to do? Are there programs that you believe would enrich our life together? Is there something LPC "used to do" that you'd like to see brushed off, formatted for today, and reintroduced into our life together? And if God is speaking strongly to you, how can your voice and your presence help introduce those new things?

"A Nigerian proverb says, 'It is the heart that gives; the fingers just let go.' What is your heart open to giving? How does this heart generosity make you feel? What is your heart closed to giving? How does this affect you? What might you like to change?"  
 — Holly W. Whitcomb, *Feasting with God*

W E D N E S D A Y S   I N   N O V E M B E R

*Journey to the Land that was Promised*

*November 1*  
**All generations** will enjoy hearing what Hazel Hubbard saw, heard, and felt on her trip to Israel.

*November 8 and 15*  
**Children** will meet with Nancy McElroy and explore the food and festivals of Judaism using Beth Kander's "Don't Eat This Book!" as their guide.  
**Adults and youth** will choose from one of these two options:

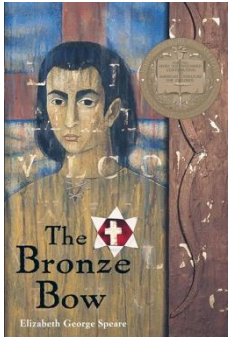
**I. Book discussion** of *The Bronze Bow*, a YA novel set in the time of Jesus. The young protagonist seeks revenge for his father's death at the hands of the Romans, but then he meets Jesus of Nazareth. The book is available for order on Amazon. This discussion will be led by Carrie Wyatt.

**II. Viewing/discussion** of Bruce Feiler's "Walking the Bible." Both a book and a video series, Feiler, a journalist, decided to visit the land of his faith and journey with the patriarchs. This discussion will be led by Robin Morris.

6:00 - 6:30 Supper in the Family Life Center  
 6:30 - 6:40 Prayers of the congregation  
 6:40 - 7:30(ish) Time for Learning

## More about the Youth/Adult CE choices for November 8 and 15

Both options are available. You will choose in which two-week discussion you will participate.



**The Bronze Bow** by Elizabeth George Speare.

After Daniel bar Jamin's father is crucified by the Roman Empire, Daniel wants nothing more than to rid his land of Israel of Roman control once and for all. Yet when Daniel meets Jesus of Nazareth, a traveling carpenter with a gentle message of love and forgiveness, Daniel starts to

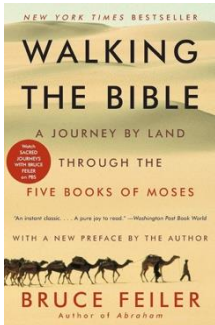
realize that the hate festering in his heart might be his true enemy after all.

Available for order on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Bronze-Bow-Elizabeth-George-Speare/dp/0395137195> And on used book sites like BetterWorld Books:

<https://www.betterworldbooks.com/product/detail/bronze-bow-9780395877692>

Our book discussion will take two Wednesday nights. Before the first session you should have ordered and started reading the book. The discussion will be led by Carrie Wyatt.



**Walking the Bible** by Bruce Feiler (video and book).

The stories in the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Torah, come alive as Bruce Feiler searches across three continents for the stories and heroes shared by Christians and Jews. You'll visit the slopes of Mount Ararat, where Noah's ark landed, trek to the

desert outpost where Abraham first heard the words of God, and scale the summit where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Using the latest archeological research, Feiler explores how physical location affects the larger narrative of the Bible and ultimately realizes how much these places, as well as his experience, have affected his faith. A once-in-a-lifetime journey, *Walking the Bible* offers new insights into the roots of our common faith and uncovers fresh answers to the most profound questions of the human spirit.

Our two-week discussion, led by Robin Morris, will feature portions of the video version. You do not need to have read the book ahead of the discussion, but the book is available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Walking-Bible-Journey-Through-Books/dp/0062336509> The video is available through various third party vendors.

## Reformation Sunday is October 29

In Western Europe, the authority of the Roman Catholic Church remained largely unquestioned until the Renaissance in the 15th century. Around 1450, the invention of the printing press in Germany made it possible for the masses to read the Bible and other religious texts, enabling the discovery of religious thinkers who had begun to challenge the Church. The term "Reformation" is used to describe the series of changes in Western Christendom between the 14th and 17th centuries. The early 16th century, in particular, brought divergences from Catholic doctrine caused by the perceived financial excesses of the church hierarchy.

This Sunday we remember our roots in the Protestant Reformation in Europe. Do you recognize the names of John Calvin, John Knox, Ulrich Zwingli, Martin Luther? To learn more, check out the Presbyterian Historical Society's online exhibit about the Reformation:

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/exhibits/foundations-faith-page-1>

## Calendar

### Sunday, October 28

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Monday, October 30

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room  
6:30 PM Bible Study – FLC

### Wednesday, November 1

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Thursday, November 2

7:00 PM Grace Circle – Nancy McElroy's home

### Sunday, November 5

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children's Sunday School

## We are praying for...

Family & friends of Nancy Blanton; Alice Setzer; Cece Manning; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Sara Setzer; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

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